

## SECOND STATEMENT ON SCHOOL BONDS IS ISSUED BY BOARD

Junior High Plan Decided On  
After Due Deliberation as Best  
Means of Meeting Needs  
of Situation

POLICY BASED ON  
BUSINESS ECONOMY

Securities to Be Sold Only When  
Money Needed to Carry For-  
ward Construction; Cost  
of Old Buildings

Supplementing the clear statement published in the Express last Tuesday, setting forth their views with reference to the special election to be held next Tuesday for the purpose of voting bonds to the amount of \$70,000 to build a junior high school and for other school improvements, the board of education through President J. G. Mays, today issued the following:

It was after long and careful study that we decided on the junior high school type of building as the one which more nearly meets the needs of our school system, and the one which we believe in the end will be the most economical. This is to serve as an intermediate between the grades and the high school, a sort of overflow for the whole system, proving a benefit to the children from the lowest grades to those of the high school. A building on the order of a ward school would not meet the demands of the system. In our judgment as well as that of our superintendent it would be a misfit and the poorest sort of business economy.

The board decided on a policy of safety, not wanting to start something which they could not properly complete. They desire to erect the type of building that will meet the demands now and for several years to come. They want the required equipment in the high school to maintain it as standard high school. Not knowing the exact cost under present conditions, they ask for an amount that will enable them to do properly what seems best. The board has given assurance that only such an amount of the bonds will be sold as may be necessary to pay for the needed improvements.

Some suggest that we should wait until spring to start this enterprise. It should be remembered that buildings do not go up by magic. It takes time to attend to all the details that will necessarily arise in the erection of such a building or any other, for that matter. Time must be given for drawing plans and specifications, selecting and purchasing a site and closing up all the details of same. A notice advertising for bids for the erection of the building calls for thirty days more. The contractor must have time to purchase material and collect same. Some allowance must be made for the unexpected happenings and delays. The building should be finished and be equipped for occupancy by September 1, 1916, which is only eight months from January 1. Would it not be very poor business policy to delay a matter of such vital importance to our schools and when they open next September have not sufficient room for the children, all for the sake of saving a few dollars' interest?

Will the public please note that the board will issue the bonds only when the money is actually needed to carry forward the completion of the building and not some months before, as some have suggested?

We have heard mentioned a comparison of what was done in the erection of the present ward school buildings. This is a point which should be duly weighed before jumping to a conclusion. The ward school buildings were erected on a bond issue of \$65,000 sold at a premium of \$3,000, as reported by Mr. Cook, who was superintendent at that time. We must remember that locations, labor and material were much cheaper then than now, possibly twenty-five to fifty per cent. Again, the buildings as seen today are much improved from the condition in which they were after expending the \$68,000 on them. All these buildings have been gone over since 1908 and modernized. The heat-

ing systems have been re-adjusted, a ventilating system has been placed in the south and the west schools, new closet buildings have been erected and a modern system of closets installed, besides grading the grounds and placing walls and walks about the buildings. More than ten thousand dollars have thus been spent and yet they are not what modern school buildings should be. These are things to be considered in making comparisons.

To our minds it would be a very poor business policy to put money into a cheap building that would not meet the needs of the schools. When the education of your children is at stake it is not so much a matter of dollars and cents (though your money should always be spent judiciously and economically) as the culture and life of your children. The true value of an education cannot be estimated in dollar and cents. Your children pass this way only one time and what they fail to get in passing can never be returned to them. We are interested only a servants of the people and friends of all the children.

This question has been given conscientious consideration and we believe the highest interest of the schools in this city will be served by voting in favor of this bond issue.

Respectfully,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
By J. G. Mays, president.

## DESERTED BY HUSBAND

Stating that she had been deserted by her husband and left in a penniless condition at the Central hotel, a woman who says her name is Mrs. James Walker applied to Chief Phillips of the Chickasha police force yesterday afternoon for aid.

Chief Phillips made a careful investigation of the case and afterward raised funds with which he bought the woman a ticket for Bristow, Okla., from where she alleged she and her husband had come to Chickasha a day or so ago.

According to the information gleaned by Chief Phillips, Mrs. Walker came to Chickasha with her husband who was searching for work. He had told her that at one time, several years ago, he had been an employ of the Chickasha shops of the Rock Island railroad and thought he could again secure employment here. Thursday morning Walker stated to his wife, she told the chief, that he had secured employment from the owner of a local second hand store and that he had rented a house, bought the furniture and would return for her later in the day. Failure of the husband to return caused the woman to apply to the chief for aid late yesterday afternoon. Investigation showed that the man had not secured a job here, but that he had bargained for some furniture from a second hand dealer.

Further investigation brought to light the fact that the man had had his wife's trunk removed from the Frisco to the Rock Island depot, and that he had checked the trunk, it was thought, to Mangum. The trunk contained all the woman's clothing.

Mrs. Walker told Chief Phillips that she and Walker were married at Bristow, Okla., about one year ago. She said her original home was in the state of California, but that she had friends in Bristow, who would she thought care for her until her child is born—she will become a mother in a month or six weeks.

Chief Phillips has notified the police chiefs of all nearby towns to keep a sharp lookout for the alleged wife deserter.

## SUSPENDS OFFICERS

By United Press.  
TULSA, Dec. 18.—Mayor Frank Wooden and Police Commissioner Thomas Quinn were temporarily sus-

WEATHER FORECAST.  
For Oklahoma.  
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Tonight and Sunday fair.  
Local Temperature.  
During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock a. m.:  
Maximum, 42 degrees.  
Minimum, 25 degrees.

## CAUGHT ON CHARGE OF BURGLARY

Rock Island Watchman Does Sleuth-  
ing Stunt and Runs in Man  
Who Confesses Robbery  
at Verden

Yesterday afternoon C. S. Yeaton, day watchman for the C. R. I. & P. Ry. Co., at Chickasha, trailed down and arrested a man who gave his name as Ben Swinney and turned him over to the officers charging him with burglarizing the Frisco depot at Verden. Assistant County Attorney Swan filed information against Swinney before Judge A. C. Fuller, before whom the prisoner was arraigned shortly before 5 o'clock last evening. Swinney waived preliminary and was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500. Failing to give bond he was remanded to the county jail.

Yeaton, the Rock Island watchman who made the arrest, got on Swinney's trail through articles which Swinney had sold and pawned at a Chickasha pawnshop and at a restaurant on Chickasha avenue. When Swinney broke into the Verden depot he "lifted" a lot of dolls and other Christmas goods and later during the same night burglarized Ode Tucker's store, also at Verden. Watchman Yeaton had seen a list of a part of the articles taken and when he saw the dolls in the "hook" shop he went out on the still hunt for the man who had put them up.

Yeaton, who claims Colorado Springs as his home, had been working on a farm near Verden and was already under suspicion. County Attorney John Venable stated Swinney acknowledged the offense and said that he committed the burglary because he was down and out. The day preceding the night upon which the burglaries were committed Swinney was in Chickasha, leaving this city after 11 o'clock that night and walking to Verden.

Swinney was arraigned before Judge Will Linn of the district court at 3:30 this afternoon and sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary following a plea of guilty.

## WILSON AT WORK ON WED. DAY

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The fact that this is President Wilson's wedding day failed to move him from his customary routine.

The president was about the executive offices early this morning clearing up unfinished government business preparatory to leaving the capital for two weeks.

A dreaching rain began here last night and promised to continue all day. Extra police were detailed to guard the Galt home. None but guests will be allowed to approach the place after 8 o'clock.

The wedding will take place some time this evening at the home of Mrs. Galt in the presence of immediate relatives.

pended from office by District Judge Linn today as a result of charges of malfeasance brought against them following a grand jury investigation. Foster Burns was dismissed yesterday as chief of police and it is alleged that he turned state's evidence.

The judge mentioned in the above dispatch is a brother of Judge Will Linn of Chickasha.

## NEXT NOTE TO AUSTRIA SHARP ONE

U. S. Will Seek to Eliminate Fur-  
ther Quibbling; Danger of Break  
in Diplomatic Relations Be-  
lieved to Be Grave

GERMANS TO CROSS  
FRONTIER OF GREECE

Allies to Make Stand North of Sa-  
loniki; Serbian Capital to Be  
Set Up in Italy; More  
British to Colers

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The American reply to the Austrian note in regard to the Ancona incident will be brief and sharp, permitting no further quibbling.

The situation between this government and Austria is described today in official circles as being very grave. No doubt that the Austrian requests will be rejected was left by the promptness with which this government acted. It is not believed, however, that a time limit was given Austria for a complete disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona.

Such a limit would constitute an ultimatum and result in the immediate severance of diplomatic relations.

Secretary Lansing made public the Austrian note today. The most significant feature of it was insistence upon discussion of the evidence and principles involved in the case.

To Cross Greek Frontier.

By United Press.  
ATHENS, Dec. 18.—Information received from persons in close touch with the German embassy is to the effect that the Germans will cross the Greek frontier before the end of next week and renew their assault on the Anglo-French forces.

It is expected that the allies will make their first determined stand twenty miles north of Salonika, where strong defensive works have been erected.

Serb Capital in Italy.

By United Press.  
ROME, Dec. 18.—It was announced today that the Serbian capital will be temporarily established in Italy, probably in Rome.

The members of the Serbian parliament escaping capture and death in the Teutonic offensive have been ordered to assemble in Italy. If his health permits King Peter will address the opening session of the Serbian parliament when it re-assembles.

Call More to Colors.

By United Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 18.—Under Lord Derby's recruiting scheme groups of from two to five volunteers who enrolled in the recent campaign will be called to the colors on January 29, it was learned today.

Assurance is given, however, that the government will not violate its pledge that unmarried men will be called first.

Bread Tickets in Hungary.

By United Press.  
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—Advices received here say bread tickets will be instituted in Hungary because of the difficulty in transporting flour and wheat.

Ferdinand at Front.

By United Press.  
PARIS, Dec. 18.—Reports from Salonika say Czar Ferdinand will arrive at the Bulgarian front in southern Serbia within a few days.

COURT RELEASES BOY  
ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE.

Late yesterday afternoon Judge Davenport of the county court called the Fred Seibert, the 14-year-old boy charged with shooting and wounding a companion, Frank Culbertson, aged 13 years, and after examining the lad ordered that he be released upon his own recognizance pending the preliminary hearing of the case which is set for next Wednesday, December 22, at 9 o'clock a. m.

WEATHER ELSEWHERE.  
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Western Union reports received at 8 o'clock a. m.:  
OKLAHOMA—Clear. Temperature, 35 to 45 degrees.  
TEXAS—Generally clear. Temperature, 24 to 45 degrees.

## POLICE HEAD OF RINGLING UNDER BOND

Held by Commissioner Hamilton on  
Liquor Charge; Federal Offi-  
cers Join in Effort to Break  
Up Illegal Traffic

The second chapter of the recent whiskey arrests in Wichita Falls, Texas, was read in Chickasha yesterday when Charles King, chief of police of Ringling, Oklahoma, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Eugene Hamilton and held under bonds in the sum of \$1,500 for his appearance in the United States court at Fort Worth on the first Monday in March. King's bond was signed by W. P. Harwell, one of the commissioners of Jefferson county.

Ringling is located in Jefferson county and is the big city in the Healdton oil fields. It is the mecca for which oil men, oil well drillers and oil field camp followers are now heading; it is a typical frontier town, also an oil town, where, it is alleged, the crack in the lid is bigger than the lid itself.

Wichita Falls is in Texas—as any Texan or hyphenated Oklahoman will tell you. And Wichita Falls is the Mecca to which the dealers in bug juice from the Oklahoma Mecca go whenever their stock in trade runs low. United States authorities have decided that whiskey running out of Wichita Falls must stop.

With this end in view, a few days ago, George W. Mitchell, United States commissioner for the northern district of Texas, issued warrants against Charles King, chief of police of Ringling, Okla.; Ben Humphrey, Volna E. Sayer, Walter Wright, Frank Newcomb and E. Doughty, all of Oklahoma, and Dan Hardy, wholesale liquor dealer of Wichita Falls, Texas. The warrant charged conspiracy to commit an offense against the laws of the United States by introducing liquor into that part of Oklahoma known as the old Indian territory and was placed, for service, in the hands of Deputies J. O. Peters of McAlester, W. A. Worley of Duncan; W. R. Hight and Dow Brantley of Ardmore.

The federal officers put in two days'

## DIGGING FOR LARGE LOOT OF ROBBERS

By United Press.  
DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 18.—T. B. Stacy, aged 65, with eight partners, is digging in a quicksand bed on the Buzzard Springs road east of the city limits for two million dollars, alleged to have been buried there by a gang of robbers, including Jesse James and Cole Younger, fifty years ago.

According to reports a cave there was formerly the rendezvous of robbers and gold was buried in chests and iron receptacles. Stacy received his information from a negro woman who died ten years ago at the age of 104. She was formerly employed to provide food for the robbers and they told her that if they never came back from some raid she could have the gold.

The gang was annihilated years ago and the cave has since sunk in quicksand, the story goes, and is now covered by several feet of water. Stacy has been grappling for the treasure ever since he was told about it. He brought an iron kettle to the surface five years ago, but it slipped back.

Last July Stacy took eight men into partnership with him. They bought a gasoline pump and installed it, announcing that it was an irrigation project. The story leaked out today,

watching in Wichita Falls before anything dropped. And then the drop happened. Caught red-handed in the act the whisky runners were apprehended on the Texas side of the Red river. In two autos were found four barrels of beer, twelve cases of whiskey and four cases of "vinegar." Deputy Worley arrested one chauffeur and Deputy Peters arrested the other, the Ringling police chief making his escape.

One of the chauffeurs said King was the man who had escaped and that he was the one who was financing the whiskey running. United States Commissioner Hamilton was then called in and issued a fugitive warrant for the arrest of King. This warrant was given to Deputy Worley and King, learning of the fugitive warrant, came to Duncan and surrendered to Worley.

King denied the charge to Commissioner Hamilton and entered a plea of not guilty. However, the commissioner deemed he had sufficient evidence to hold him.

"MOONLIGHT" PUPILS  
HOSTS TO TEACHERS.

The Ninnekah moonlight school pupils and teachers were in town last night to attend the shows. The pupils had the teachers for their guests. Most of the pupils come to school in their own cars. There have been seven illiterates taught to read and write in this school so far this term, and the teachers have promise of more to enter after Christmas.

## FUNERAL OF COL. CLOUD

The funeral of Col. Isaac Cloud was conducted from the residence of Judge J. E. Riddle, 1328 South Sixteenth street, at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, with Rev. Edward B. Teis of the First Presbyterian church and Rev. G. Lyle Smith of the Christian church officiating.

The active and honorary pall bearers were J. D. Vance, W. M. Edwards, T. M. Kelley, J. R. Owsley, E. S. Burney, J. H. Harness, W. W. Clark, Judge Grigsby and L. P. Linn.

Mrs. J. M. Love, a grand daughter, arrived from her home at Pauls Valley yesterday morning. Mrs. Osborne, a daughter residing at Gallatin, Mo., started for Chickasha when she received the wire announcing her father's death, but a wire from her received stated that she was taken ill at Kansas City and was forced to return to her home from that point.

Colonel Cloud was a veteran of the Civil war. Although very young when that war broke out he served in the Confederate army during almost the entire duration of the war.

Colonel Cloud was for a number of years a merchant in Gainesville, Texas, before his removal to the old Indian territory. At one time he owned a large ranch near where the city of Duncan is now located, and was very successful as a cattle raiser. He served as a deputy United States marshal under C. L. Stowe and J. J. McAlester.

Colonel Cloud moved from Duncan to Chickasha in 1906 and lived here continuously from that time to the day of his death.

## BANK CLERK ARRESTED

By United Press.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Frederick Schieindel, a German bank clerk, employed at the City National bank, was arrested today on the charge of furnishing German secret service agents information concerning financial matters of the allies.

Paul Koenig, alleged chief of the German secret service in America, was arrested yesterday with three others on a charge of conspiring to dynamite the Welland canal. He was held under fifty thousand dollars' bond, while the bonds of the others were fixed at thirty thousand dollars.

GOOD SCHOOL AT MINCO.

A Sydney Hancock, teacher of the seventh and eighth grades of the public schools at Minco, was in Chickasha this morning on business with the county superintendent. Mr. Hancock stated that Minco school was having a most successful year in every particular.

## JUVENILE PRIVATE IS PEEVED

British Boy of 14 Recovering from  
Wound Received in France;  
Wants to Re-enlist But  
is Refused

GERMANS FIND NEW  
USE FOR ELECTRICITY

Scheme for Heating Underwear of  
Soldiers is Invented by Sci-  
entists; Some Danger of  
Shortcircuiting

By WILBUR S. FORREST,  
U. P. staff correspondent.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—(By mail.)—Private James Bartaby, Seventh East Surrey regiment, is peeved at the British war office today. Private Bartaby has just celebrated his fourteenth birthday in a London hospital recovering from wounds received in northern France. The war office has discovered him through a complaint made by his mother and won't let him go back. That's why he's peeved. This juvenile veteran explains that he "got it over" a recruiting sergeant at Balham, his home, and was sent to France with his regiment May 28.

"The East Surreys did some heavy fighting over there," said James. "The Germans tried to take our trench and we followed them back to their line. I was just going to jump in after a big German with my bayonet when, zip, a bullet hit me in the leg. When I woke up I was back behind our line and what d'ya think of my bally luck? I'd been discovered. The colonel came around and asked me my age. I told him I was nineteen. He said he knew better and that I'd have to go home. 'It seems that my mother had been worrying a lot and when she heard that I was in France she told the war office all about it. Rotten luck, wasn't it?'"

Electrically Heated Underwear.  
By CARL W. ACKERMAN,  
U. P. staff correspondent.

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—(By mail.)—Germany's latest scientific contribution to war is electrically heated underwear. The inventors are Max Beck, professor of technical electricity, University of Innsbruck, and lieutenant of engineers; and Professor von Schrotter of the University of Vienna. The electrically heated underwear is made of non-conducting material interwoven with a system of fine wires. For each series of trenches it is necessary to install an electrical plant, from which conducting wires are carried. When a soldier feels cold, all he has to do is connect up his underwear with the current wires. The garment offers special facilities for warming the hands merely by placing them in the pockets of the trousers. One possible danger of the electrically heated underwear is a short circuit, but the inventors are confident they have practically eliminated this possibility by a secret system. As now perfected it will be possible for soldiers to warm themselves with this electrical clothing in trenches about four hundred feet in front of the electrical plant; in isolated advance posts, the underwear may be warmed 1,500 feet away. A transformer located in the trenches regulates the degree of warmth.

A full wired pair of drawers weighs less than two pounds and costs only \$20. They will be extensively used on the Russian front this winter.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to Joe Holbrook, aged 23, and Miss Carrie Foster, aged 20, both of Alex.

EVENTS IN THE WAR  
ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

Germany admitted an allies' advance in Flanders and France. Italian Premier Salandra declared that the war would bring "an enlarged Italy" in 1915. British losses of officers and men up to December 1, were 86,000 the same number. Kitchener first sent to France.